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For almost 20 years a quiet but often violent struggle has raged among CIA officials who dominate the Central Intelligence Agency's (CIA) hierarchy. Very secret sources of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the Specter of a mole — an American official, some say a Soviet agent planted by the KGB — has plagued the Agency from its earliest days.

In the words of a CIA insider, "If there's a mole inside the CIA hierarchy, this means that every particle of intelligence is suspect and possibly contaminated." It means the Soviets have detailed knowledge of our events, working on our communication capability and can circumvent our military exchanges of world power balances."

Three years ago, a widespread CIA search intensified for a mole who might conceivably be operating his own spy ring within the Agency. This followed a secret unlimited series of arrests of several former CIA officers and employees who admitted having information on passed-on intelligence secrets. One of them was working for the Soviets. Many of these secrets concerned clandestine electronic and satellite surveillance systems the US had developed to monitor Russian strategic weapons development. Loss of those Agency documents was never recovered by the CIA; they had never been involved in any espionage disaster in CIA history. The most serious espionage disaster in CIA history, however, came in 1968 when John Paisley, a brilliant CIA operative looking for a master-Russian spy planted in the CIA, was his "strange" suicide actually murder?

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THE SPY AT THE BOTTOM OF THE BAY

Investigative report by Richard Russell

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